

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A golf shaft produced by baking a plurality of fiber prepreg layers, the shaft being a laminate comprising:
 - a main layer consisting of resin-impregnated high-strength high-elasticity fiber;
 - a metal wire layer laid over the main layer, wherein the metal wire layer comprises a first metal wire layer and a second metal wire layer with a transparent layer disposed between the first and second metal wire layers, wherein the first metal wire layer is helically wound around the shaft and the second metal wire layer is helically wound over the first metal wire layer to form the metal wire layer; and
 - a layer of low-elasticity fiber, laid over the metal wire layer, impregnated with resin through which the underlying metal wire layer can be seen; wherein a material layer forming an outermost protective surface overlying the second metal wire layer is in contact with the transparent layer.

2. (Currently Amended) A golf shaft produced by baking a plurality of fiber prepreg layers, the shaft being a laminate comprising:
 - a main layer consisting of resin-impregnated high-strength high-elasticity fiber;
 - a metal wire layer laid over the main layer, which consists of metal wires aligned bias with respect to the axis of the main layer, wherein the metal wire layer comprises a first metal wire layer and a second metal wire layer with a transparent layer disposed between the first and second metal wire layers, wherein the first metal wire layer is helically wound around the shaft and the second metal wire layer is helically wound over the first metal wire layer to form the metal wire layer; and

layer comprising: first metal wire layer which consists of metal wires spaced and aligned bias with respect to the axis of the main layer; transparent layer, laid over the first metal wire layer, which covers it with transparent material with a prescribed thickness; second metal wire layer, laid over the transparent layer, which consists of metal wires spaced and aligned in the bias direction opposite to the first metal wire layer; wherein a material layer forming an outermost protective surface overlying the second metal wire layer is in contact with the transparent layer, wherein the first metal wire layer is helically winded around the shaft and the second metal wire layer is helically winded over the first metal wire layer to form the metal wire layer.

5. (Currently Amended) A golf shaft produced by baking a plurality of fiber prepreg layers, the shaft being a laminate comprising: a main layer consisting of resin-impregnated high-strength high-elasticity fiber; a metal wire layer laid over the main layer; and a layer of low-elasticity fiber, laid over the metal wire layer, impregnated with resin through which the underlying metal wire layer can be seen, metal wire layer comprising: first metal wire layer which consists of flat metal wires spaced and aligned bias with respect to the axis of the main layer; transparent layer, laid over the first metal wire layer, which covers it with transparent material with a prescribed thickness; second metal wire layer, laid over the transparent layer, which consists of flat metal wires spaced and aligned in the bias direction opposite to the first metal wire layer; wherein a material layer forming an outermost protective surface overlying the second metal wire layer is in contact with the transparent layer, wherein the first metal wire layer is helically winded around the shaft and the second metal wire layer is helically winded over the first metal wire layer to form the metal wire layer.

20. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 6, wherein the transparent layer is made of glass fiber prepreg impregnated with resin having the same quality as the resin used in the main layer.
21. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 2, wherein the metal wires are spaced with a spacing 0.5 to 2 times as large as the wire width.
22. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 4, wherein the metal wires are spaced with a spacing 0.5 to 2 times as large as the wire width.
23. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 5, wherein the metal wires are spaced with a spacing 0.5 to 2 times as large as the wire width.
24. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.
25. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 2, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.
26. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 3, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.
27. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 4, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.
28. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 5, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.
29. (Original) The golf shaft as claimed in claim 6, wherein the metal wire layer is located near to the grip area along the length of the golf shaft.

